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From: Hampton Watkins
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 8:50 PM
To: craig.mclean@noaa.gov
Cc: Guyton Hampton Watkins Jr
Subject: Fwd: Alabama

Dr. McLean:

I only just learned of your note to the scientist at the agency. I sent the message below before I read your message. As a native of coastal Louisiana and a current resident of coastal Massachusetts, I'll favor your statements regarding meteorology over the statements of politicians on any day. Thanks for your leadership and the clarity of your statement to the honest, hard-working staff.

Regards,

Hampton Watkins, PhD

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From: Hampton Watkins <(b)(6)>
Date: Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 8:24 PM
Subject: Alabama
To: <neil.jacobs@noaa.gov>
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Dr. Jacobs:

As a professional colleague (MIT PhD in Earth Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences) and survivor of the corporate dysfunction and malfeasance (WorldCom) I can understand your desire to protect the well-being of your family and your staff. However, throwing science and the NOAA professionals under the bus is a step too far. I wish you all the best, but preservation of honor demands your departure from your position of Acting Administrator.

Hampton Watkins

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